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JP 2001-310699A and JP 2000-168482A are discussed in paragraphs [0006] - [0009] of the specification of the present application. English language abstracts have been provided.

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An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(III)(A)(3).

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US 2001/0052210A1 is an English language equivalent for JP 2001-310699A.

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